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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAGUA 0899

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, SHUM, CASC, NU  
SUBJECT: AMCITS SEEK ASYLUM IN MEXICAN EMBASSY

REF: STATE 033640

1. ON FEBRUARY 23, AFTER REPEATED UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT WITH MEXICAN CHARGE, EMBOFF WENT UNANNOUNCED TO MEXICAN EMBASSY. CHARGE CORTES OSNAYA RECEIVED EMBOFF WARMLY, STATED HE HAD PERSONALLY ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT AMEMBASSY TO LET US KNOW THAT THERE WERE NO HITCHES IN ASYLUM CASE, BUT THAT THE MANAGUA TELEPHONE SYSTEM'S VAGARIES HAD FRUSTRATED HIS EFFORTS. COMMENT: THERE WAS NO MISTAKING CORTES' CORDIALITY, BUT WE SUSPECT THAT FOR HIS OWN REASONS HE HAD CONCLUDED THAT THE LESS CONTACT WITH US WHILE ASYLEES UNDER HIS WING, THE BETTER. HE HAD EARLIER CAUTIONED EMBOFFS ABOUT GON TELEPHONE TAPS AND MAY HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO ENGAGE IN ANY CONVERSATION WITH US WHICH MIGHT BE MONITORED.

2. CORTES SAID THAT HIS EMBASSY WAS STILL AWAITING SAFE CONDUCTS FOR ASYLEES FROM GON. ALL MOVEMENT SEEMS TO HAVE STOPPED FOR THE TIME BEING, BUT THAT IS NOT UNUSUAL IN THESE CASES. WHEN EMBOFF ADVISED CORTES OF DUAL NATIONALITY OF THE TWO ASYLEES, CHAMORRO AND CORTES, CHARGE RESPONDED THAT THAT FACT HAD EMERGED DURING CONTINUED INTERVIEW OF THE TWO. HE ASSURED EMBOFF THAT THE FACT OF THEIR US CITIZENSHIP IN NO WAY AFFECTED THE YOUTHS' ENTITLEMENT TO ASYLUM OR GOM'S  
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WILLINGNESS TO MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS.

3. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS CASE AS THEY BECOME KNOWN. IN VIEW OF CORTES' CLEAR SIGNAL, WE DO NOT INTEND TO PRESS HIM OR MEXICAN EMBASSY FOR INFORMATION. HE SEEMS TO PREFER TO LET MATTERS RUN THEIR COURSE AND THAT APPEARS LOGICAL TO USE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

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